

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 357
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate *The LaFollette Press* on its receipt of three first- and four second-place honors from the annual East Tennessee Chapter Society of Professional Journalists.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those exemplary newspapers which have distinguished themselves as credits to their profession and communities; and

WHEREAS, *The LaFollette Press* is most assuredly one such remarkable organization which, through the hard work, integrity, and talent of its staff, was recognized by the East Tennessee Chapter Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2001, *The LaFollette Press* received three first- and four second-place honors at the annual East Tennessee Chapter Society of Professional Journalists Golden Press Card Awards dinner in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Sports Editor Dwane Wilder, for his unparalleled coverage of athletics, was awarded both a first place plaque and a second-place certificate in the non-daily deadline photography category; and

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WHEREAS, For his insightful and comprehensive coverage of the sale of LaFollette Medical Center to St. Mary's, Reporter Charles Winfrey was awarded a second-place in best package news story; he also received first-place recognition for best personal columns among non-daily newspapers; and

WHEREAS, *The LaFollette Press*, under the leadership of its Publisher, Larry Smith, strives for accuracy, fairness, and truthfulness in each edition; and

WHEREAS, A source of dependable and timely information, this exceptional community newspaper meets the information needs of the LaFollette area with intelligence and compassion; and

WHEREAS, It is this legislative body's great privilege to recognize the staff and publisher of *The LaFollette Press* for their considerable contributions to their community and their significant achievements in journalism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate *The LaFollette Press*; its Publisher, Larry Smith; and the members of its staff, especially Dwane Wilder and Charles Winfrey on their receipt of three first- and four second-place honors from the annual East Tennessee Chapter Society of Professional Journalists, commend their excellence in journalism, and applaud their years of steadfast service to the LaFollette area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to the staff members and publisher of *The LaFollette Press* our heartfelt best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.